

**To:** 'William Ryan'[Ryan.William@epamail.epa.gov]  
**From:** COTHERN, SHAYNE (DNR)  
**Sent:** Thur 12/20/2012 11:24:14 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Sesko Pontoons Removal

Bill,

Our Land Manager has offered to mention using pontoons as mitigation measure to Ms. Sesko. It sounds like this would be premature but let me know if you would like to begin these discussions with Ms. Sesko.

Lindie does make a good point that with interest shown by different contractors someone should keep eye out to ensure someone does not attempt to remove without permits-these would be the type we would not want operating on this site. Our Land Manager is not in area very often so if you could ask whoever is installing signs to take a status report and get back to us I would appreciate it.

Thanks,  
Shayne

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**From:** COTHERN, SHAYNE (DNR)  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 20, 2012 3:18 PM  
**To:** SCHMIDT, LINDIE (DNR)  
**Cc:** COX, NEAL (DNR)  
**Subject:** RE: Sesko Pontoons Removal

Thanks for info. Will pass along-I think they need to move a bit further in process before mentioning potential mitigation needs. Will let you know what EPA says though.

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**From:** SCHMIDT, LINDIE (DNR)  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 20, 2012 3:14 PM  
**To:** COTHERN, SHAYNE (DNR); COX, NEAL (DNR)  
**Subject:** RE: Sesko Pontoons Removal

Hello Shayne,

I have had no further contact from any of the parties, there have been 3, who were interested in removing the pontoons. WDFW has not issued an HPA for any removal work. They don't have an application either.

That doesn't mean the pontoons are still there, it just means that no one has applied for permits to remove the pontoons.

The permitting and cleanup issues might have scared off parties interested in salvaging the metal. If the potentially responsible parties need any mitigation for the cleanup action, we might suggest they remove the pontoons and derelict piles in the area. Mrs. Sesko has stated that she doesn't have the funds to remove the pontoons. So, a mitigation project may be the most viable course to have them removed. I could get in touch with Mrs. Sesko if EPA and the PRP want to take this course.

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**From:** COTHERN, SHAYNE (DNR)  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 20, 2012 2:37 PM  
**To:** COX, NEAL (DNR); SCHMIDT, LINDIE (DNR)  
**Subject:** FW: Sesko Pontoons Removal

FYI-Bill Ryan, Site Manager of Bremerton Gasworks Site from EPA, was curious whether there had been any progress on removal application. I guess EPA is getting closer to an agreement with Cascade Natural Gas on Bremerton Site investigation so was checking to see where applicant is in process. He will get back to us if Cascade has an issue with removal one way or the other. Had mentioned that dependent on results of sampling Cascade might be asked to remove if part of a larger effort-I don't necessarily see it going that way but good to know options being considered.

He also wanted me to pass on that they are reposting the shellfish hazard signs that were up but had been removed by vandals/weather/whatever. I said fine but if installing new sign posts to give one of you a call to discuss first.

Let me know if any questions or if new info on pontoon removal.

Thanks-Happy Holidays!

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**From:** COTHERN, SHAYNE (DNR)  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 20, 2012 2:31 PM  
**To:** 'William Ryan'  
**Subject:** FW: Sesko Pontoons Removal

Here is email sent to proponent for Sesko Pontoon removal. Will let you know when we hear more.

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**From:** COTHERN, SHAYNE (DNR)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2012 3:13 PM  
**To:** SCHMIDT, LINDIE (DNR)  
**Subject:** RE: Sesko Pontoons Removal

Excellent job. Let me know if you hear back from him.

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**From:** SCHMIDT, LINDIE (DNR)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 10, 2012 10:36 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Sesko Pontoons Removal

Hello Jason,

Thank you for contacting me regarding your proposal to remove the Sesko pontoons. Below is a link to the governor's office of regulatory assistance environmental permitting webpage. The process for securing permits isn't particularly difficult, but it can be time consuming and frustrating if you have not gone through aquatic permitting before. The office of regulatory assistance is helpful navigating the different permitting/regulatory processes.

<http://www.ora.wa.gov/resources/permitting.asp>

If you elect to remove the pontoons by water, you will need to complete a Joint Aquatic Resource Permit Application (JARPA). When you describe your project in the JARPA, be as specific and detailed as possible.

Anticipate that securing all aquatic permits will add 6-months, or more, to your project timeline. Below is a link to the webpage which contains the JARPA. If you conduct work on State aquatic lands you will need to submit a JARPA with original signatures and the Attachment E to DNR. This will serve as your application for a right-of-entry.

[http://www.epermitting.wa.gov/site/alias\\_resourcecenter/jarpa\\_jarpa\\_form/9984/jarpa\\_form.aspx](http://www.epermitting.wa.gov/site/alias_resourcecenter/jarpa_jarpa_form/9984/jarpa_form.aspx)

If you remove the pontoons using a crane from the adjacent terrestrial property, it will minimize the need for aquatic permits. You may be subject to other permits by the city of Bremerton.

Whether you conduct the removal by water or land, please be aware that there is currently a cleanup action in the nearby vicinity of your project. The Bremerton Gasworks cleanup is the result of historic industrial uses and I do not know the extent of the entire action area. You may want to contact EPA regarding the specific action boundaries to ensure that you stage your project in a fashion which does not involve any of the cleanup areas.



The following article about the site was released May 8, 2012.

"Bremerton Gasworks added to Superfund national hazardous cleanup list"

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/1096A21B78BCD374852579F80075705B>

EPA and Department of Health will be in Bremerton answering questions and getting feedback about the site on September 18, 2012. The 18<sup>th</sup> might be an excellent chance for you to set down and talk with staff from both agencies. They will probably have maps of the action area for you to review and be able to talk with you about your pontoon removal project.

**September 18, 2012**

**Olympic College**

**1625 Chester Avenue**

**Bremerton, WA 98337**

**Humanities/Student Services Building**

**Room HHS-218**

**EPA invites you to drop in any time:**

**From 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**And 6:00 - 9:00 pm**

If you'd like to schedule a time to meet with EPA during these timeframes, please call Debra Sherbina, EPA, at [sherbina.debra@epa.gov](mailto:sherbina.debra@epa.gov) or 800-424-4372, extension 0247.

Let me know if you have problems accessing the links above. I would be happy to work with you if you elect to conduct the removal by water. DNR staff may also be available to meet with you and EPA, if you would find that helpful.

Sincerely,

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